

### REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, Applicants are hereby submitting this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned application prior to receiving a first office action. The Amendments are supported by the specification. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment be approved.

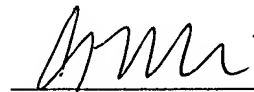
Applicant hereby authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Applicants' Deposit Account Number 03-2026 for any fees incurred with respect to this amendment and request for publication.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application and the claims, as amended, therein are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all claims at an early date is solicited.

Applicants would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned attorney of record should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this Preliminary Amendment or the claim language for purposes of efficiently resolving same.

Respectfully submitted,

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